



South Coast Air Quality Management District's

Notice of Public Workshop

CONSIDERATION OF OPT-IN PROVISION OF STATE SURPLUS OFF-ROAD OPT-IN FOR NO_x (SOON) PROGRAM AND PROPOSED RULE 2449 – CONTROL OF OXIDES OF NITROGEN EMISSIONS FROM OFF-ROAD DIESEL VEHICLES



Tuesday, December 4, 2007

9:30 a.m.

AQMD Headquarters

21865 Copley Drive

Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Auditorium

Purpose of the Public Workshop

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has scheduled a public workshop to present and solicit information and comments from the public regarding AQMD Board's consideration of opting-in to the **Surplus Off-Road Opt-In for NO_x (SOON) provision of the State Regulation for In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicles and Proposed Rule 2449 – Control of Oxides of Nitrogen Emissions from Off-Road Diesel Vehicles**. The Opt-in to SOON and Proposed Rule 2449 are scheduled for consideration for adoption by the AQMD Governing Board at a public hearing on *February 1, 2008*.

Air Quality Objective

The objective of the Opt-in to the SOON Program is to achieve additional reductions of oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) emissions from in-use off-road diesel vehicles through incentive funding as authorized under Title 13, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 2449.3, "Requirements for Largest Fleets to Achieve

Additional Reductions of Oxides of Nitrogen". Reductions achieved under the SOON Program must be surplus to the provisions of Title 13 CCR, Sections 2449, 2449.1, and 2449.2, "Regulation for In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicles". Opting-in to the SOON Program is anticipated to achieve an additional 12 tons per day of NO_x reductions by 2014.

Summary of Proposed Opt-In and Rule

Staff is proposing that the Board consider to opt-in to the SOON provision of the State regulation to achieve additional NO_x reductions from in-use diesel vehicles. Proposed Rule 2449 would implement the SOON Program and would provide additional administrative guidelines. The SOON Program would apply to all off-road diesel vehicles that operate a majority of the time in the South Coast Air Basin by fleets that as of January 2008, on a statewide basis, consisted of more than 40% Tier 0 and 1 vehicles. Upon AQMD's issuance of a Program Announcement for incentive funding for the SOON program, large fleets with a total maximum power greater than

20,000 horsepower (hp) on a statewide basis must apply for funding for implementing sufficient number of projects to meet the SOON NO_x targets and implement these projects if awarded funding. The AQMD Board approved the release of Program Announcement #PA2008-01 on *November 2, 2007* to provide greater time for affected fleets to apply for funding.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and AQMD Rule 110, an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared to analyze any potential adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed opt-in to the SOON Program and the proposed adoption of Rule 2449. Comments received at the public workshop on the environmental analysis will be considered when preparing the EA.

Comments, questions or suggestions regarding the CEQA analysis should be directed to:

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Supporting Documents

Copies of Proposed Rule 2449, Preliminary Draft Staff Report, and Draft Administrative Guidelines may be obtained from:

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Submission of Documents or Comments

The public is requested to send documents, studies, data or comments relevant to the AQMD's proposed opt-in to the SOON provision of the State regulation and Proposed Rule 2449 by **December 18, 2007** to:

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